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Group Art Unit: **3693**

Serial No.: **10/694,269**

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For. **METHOD FOR MANAGING BUYER TRANSACTIONS AND SETTLEMENTS  
USING COMMUNICATION NETWORK BETWEEN COMPUTERS, AND  
METHOD FOR RELAYING INFORMATION FOLLOWING BUYER  
CONSUMPTION TRENDS TO THE BUYER**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND  
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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July 13, 2007

Sir:

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